UVA School of Architecture Fellowships
Architecture Thesis Fellowship

Purpose
The thesis fellowship recognizes academic excellence culminating in an independent thesis project. All thesis fellowship proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Clarity of thesis statement and thoroughness of research conducted in preparation of proposal
- Topic relevance and alignment with the discipline of architecture
- Intelligibility of theoretical framework and potential for design innovation
- Demonstrated ability and educational background to accomplish the project
- Clarity of conception and definition of outcome

The selection committee seeks applicants who have demonstrated a high level of academic achievement and have established rigorous research and design development methodologies in previous studio work.

Eligibility
All current graduate students in the Department of Architecture who are in their final year and will have fulfilled the total required degree credits are eligible to apply. If awarded a thesis fellowship, candidates will only be eligible to enroll in ALAR 8999 for 12 credits.

Number of fellowship positions
Up to four

Description
The thesis fellows will have the opportunity to focus on independent research and design development of a project during the semester following the completion of their degree. The thesis fellows are expected to work at the highest level of resolution and assume a leadership role in terms of vigorous production and sustained discourse of their thesis topic. The results of the thesis fellowship will be included in a thesis final review, exhibition, and publication.

Application Requirements
Applicants are required to submit a single PDF of materials in the following order for review by the selection committee:

- Page 1: name, degree path and year, and thesis statement
- Page 2: brief curriculum vitae
- Page 3: two faculty advisor references (identifying primary and secondary advisor)
- Thesis research book produced in ARCH 8100
Award Amount
The fellowship financial package* includes:

- Tuition and Fees for ALAR 8999 (awarded to SIS account)
- Health insurance subsidy for one semester (if student is not covered by another plan, awarded to SIS account)
- Stipend for living expenses (awarded to SIS account)

*Note: The exact amount of fellowship funding varies year to year based on tuition cost and fees and replaces all previously awarded scholarships or fellowships. Acceptance of the fellowship requires the fellow to successfully complete the thesis. Failure to successfully complete the fellowship will result in forfeiture of the financial package including tuition costs, and University student health insurance stipend.

Deadline
Monday, March 26, 2018, 5pm

Email application packages to the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid
(a-school-admissions@virginia.edu)